

"MY TURN"

By
Carol
Ellis



I DOUBT THAT PEOPLE in the larger areas of downstate Texas have the close feelings for one another that we do here in this area. South of here to Lubbock, and all the way north to Stratford and Perryton, the people of the Texas Panhandle feel a sort of kinship to one another, like we're all members of one great big "small" hometown.

In recent weeks we have wept for the little town of Claude as they tragically lost several of their lovely promising young people. This week, we all breathed a sigh of relief for the families of the victims of Samuel Hawkins. The taxpayers of Texas spent close to four million dollars before finally ending the miserable existence of "The Traveling Rapist," Samuel Hawkins, this past Monday night.

There was never any doubt about his being guilty of two murders in the Texas Panhandle area, plus over forty rapes in various other places. He admitted his guilt. Juries convicted him for the 1976 murder of a 12-year-old Amarillo girl and the 1977 murder of a 19-year-old pregnant Borger housewife.

Hawkins sat on death row for nearly 18 years, filing appeal after appeal to delay his execution. Two years ago *The Borger News-Herald* did a cost study which included all the trials, appeals, hearings, and prison expenses up to that time, and they came up with a three million dollar figure.

A spokesman at the *Herald* this week told me that you could safely add nearly another million for the last two years. She said every time there was another hearing, their local sheriff had to travel to Huntsville and bring Hawkins up to Lubbock, and then back again.

This is a far cry from the "swift justice" that our founding fathers had in mind when they set up our country's judicial system. I would hazard a guess that Hawkins' four million dollar expense is just a drop in the bucket to what California will be paying out for the O.J. Simpson mockery of justice. Just think how much good could have been accomplished with that \$4,000,000.

While on the subject of crime, criminals, justice, etc., I'd like to commend Farwell's Chief of Police Roy L. McGaa for his recent letter in the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* in support of Governor Bush's proposed "concealed weapons" law. McGaa related some very impressive facts, including the following:

1. Florida experienced a 22 percent drop in homicide rate after it passed the concealed carry law.
2. New York has a virtual handgun ban. New York has only three percent of the total population of the U.S. but has more than 12 percent of the total U.S. handgun-related homicides.
3. Washington, D.C. banned handguns in 1976 and since that time has seen its murder rate rise 200 percent with a 300 percent rise in handgun-related homicide.

4. While the lower courts have been divided on the issue of guns, the Supreme Court, in all relevant decisions, has recognized that the Second Amendment guarantees an individual the right to keep and bear arms.

Chief McGaa goes on to say "As a cop, my job is to seek out the criminals, but even then the majority of Texans I know are decent, law-abiding citizens. I resent the social engineering mindset that wants them to remain risk-free victims to the criminal element that couldn't care less about gun laws."

"Americans have never taken kindly to being walked on and elected lawmakers are starting to get the message," McGaa continues. "Governor Bush is probably hearing the majority of Texans saying 'Each individual is responsible for his or her own actions, and it's time to stop punishing all Texans for the actions of a very few.'"

UNCLE AUSTIN SAYS:
Things are more like they are now than they ever have been before!"



SPEAKS AT HEART ASSOC. MEETING...Shown is Dr. Joel Osborn (middle) heart specialist, Amarillo, a native of Friona with Floyd Reeve, president of the Parmer County Heart Association and Bob Owen, vice president at a meeting held on February 16 of the Parmer County Heart Association. The Parmer County Heart Association is making a contribution of \$200 to the American Heart Association in Dr. Osborn's name.

Parmer County Heart Association Has Meeting

The Parmer County Heart Association met on Thursday, February 16 at the Fellowship Hall of Friona's United Methodist Church with 45 people in attendance.

Dr. Joel Osborn, heart specialist of Amarillo, a native of Friona, spoke at the meeting along with Jack Young of Plainview, who has a piggyback heart.

Dr. Osborn spoke of a new treatment, now being used to treat coronary artery disease. The new surgical procedure is a "Stent" balloon surgery. "It is improved over the angioplasty procedure, with a 96 per cent success rate," Osborn said.

The "Stent" procedure takes approximately 2 to 2 1/2 hours to complete and a four-day hospital stay.

Osborn said the American Heart Association has made great strides in educating the public about heart

disease treatment and prevention. "Education by the AHA is phenomenal," he said, "and the CPR courses are wonderful."

Dr. Osborn also answered several questions by those in attendance. Osborn is the heart physician to many local residents.

Jack Young of Plainview told about the procedure he had done almost two years ago, his "piggyback heart." His original heart was kept in place, but another donor heart was also added.

Young said one of the hearts does the pumping and the other the distributing, they work in series together. He is the third person in the United States to have a "piggyback heart."

Young said he was working again and feeling great. "I'm a miracle walking around," he said.

The evening ended with refreshments and a time of fellowship.



DIRECTORS....Shown here are directors of the Parmer County Heart Association at a recent meeting held February 16 at Friona's United Methodist Church. Back, l-r: Betty Reeve, Frankie Linderman, Homer Linderman, Johnny Mars, Evelyn Mars, Rev. Virgil Ichtertz, and Dr. Tony Orme. Front row, l-r: John Blackwell, Mary Johnston, Rev. Lee Roark, Dr. Joel Osborn (speaker), Bob Owen, and Floyd Reeve.

School Week Is Set Locally

Bovina ISD will celebrate a shortened "Texas Public Schools Week" on March 1, 2 and 3 because of a student holiday on February 27 and 28.

All faculty and staff will be involved in staff development activities and/or parent conferences on Monday, February 27 and Tuesday, February 28.

Wednesday, March 1 of Texas Public Schools Week, is designated as "Community Involvement" Day. Community members, Senior Citizens and school board members are invited to visit classrooms and computer labs and have lunch in the cafeteria.

Thursday is "Parent and Grandparent Day" and Friday is "Teacher Appreciation Day."



KASEY LYNN BELL

L.D. Ready For Season

It's Little Dribbler's basketball time again, and this year's season will start February 21, 1995.

Again we will be selecting a boys all-star team to represent Bovina in the Boys regional tournament. The tournament will be held in Shallowater Texas, April 11-15, 1995.

Again this year we are asking if anyone wanting to donate to the All-Star team may do so by going by the First Bank of Bovina.

The account that his team is under is the Bovina All-Stars. We will be trying to take two All-Star teams, a junior and a major division. This will depend on the donations and contributions.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Manuel Torres at 238-1133 or 238-9944.

Remember, that these teams will be representing your town of Bovina and need your support.

Three Board Seats Expiring

Doris Strawn, city administrator, reported that there are three places expiring this year on the Bovina City Council. The election will be held in May.

Those with terms expiring this year are Leon Ware, Garry Beauchamp and Galen Hromas.

Holdover members of the council are Joe Olvera and Kenneth Waters.

Applications can be picked up at the City Hall for those who wish to run for city council. February 21 was the first day to file and the last date will be March 22, for those interested in filing for a position.

Church Sets Mexican Meal

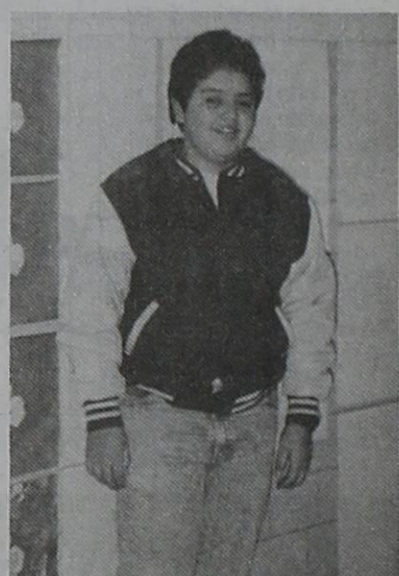
St. Teresa's Catholic Church will host their annual Mexican dinner on Sunday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

The charge is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

The menu consists of enchiladas, tamales, tacos, rice, beans, chips, salsa, tea, coffee and dessert.



STUDENT NOMINEES....Outstanding Student nominees for the fourth six weeks at Bovina Middle School are shown here. They are Noemi Perez, Gina Beauchamp, Lindsey Pruitt and Krysta Morris (not present for photo).



OUTSTANDING STUDENTS....Sara Sorley, a seventh grader, and Luciano Carmona, an eighth grader, were named Outstanding Students for the fourth six weeks at Bovina Middle School. Their parents are Ken and Terri Sorley and Preciliano and Petra Carmona. Miss Sorley was nominated by Mrs. Rhodes and Carmona was nominated by Coach Russell.

Middle School Names Outstanding Students

It was reported this week by Bovina Middle School principal, Brenda Wilson, that Sara Sorley and Luciano Carmona have been chosen to be "Outstanding Students" for the fourth six-weeks at Bovina Middle School.

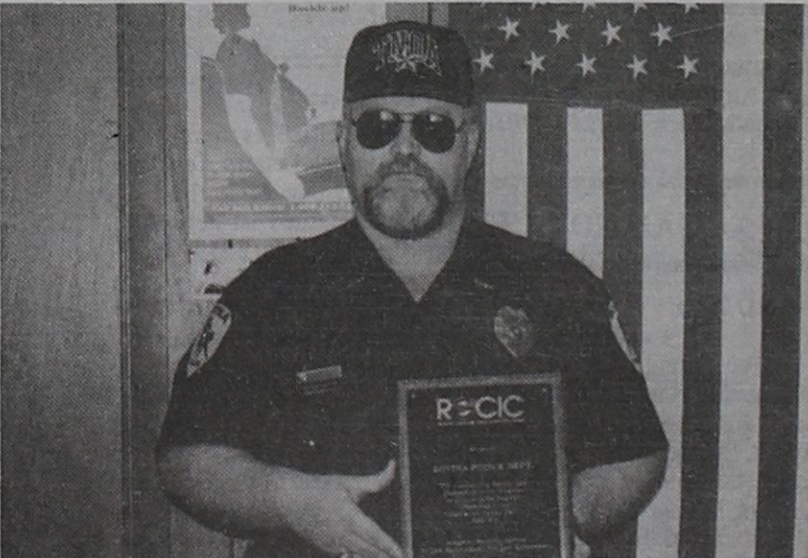
Sara is the seventh grade daughter of Ken and Terri Sorley. She was nominated for outstanding student by Mrs. Rhodes. "She is dependable, pleasant and willing to help others," Mrs. Rhodes said.

Luciano is the eighth grade son of Preciliano and Petra Carmona. Coach Russell, who nominated him for outstanding student, said, "Luciano has worked very hard and

is making very high marks in pre-algebra. He has shown his leadership abilities by leading by example."

Also nominated for outstanding students were: Gina Beauchamp, eighth grader, daughter of Garry and Carolyn Beauchamp, nominated by Mrs. Landess; Krysta Morris, sixth grader, daughter of Wes and Charlotte Cockerham, nominated by Mrs. Trimble.

Also, Noemi Perez, eighth grader, daughter of Eusebio and Maria Perez, nominated by Mrs. Spring; and Lindsey Pruitt, sixth grader, daughter of Carolyn Pruitt, nominated by Mrs. Arnold.



LEON SADDLER

Chief Of Police Attends Crime Program In Austin

Chief of Police Leon Saddler attended a meeting of the Regional Organized Crime Information Center or R.O.C.I.C. in Austin.

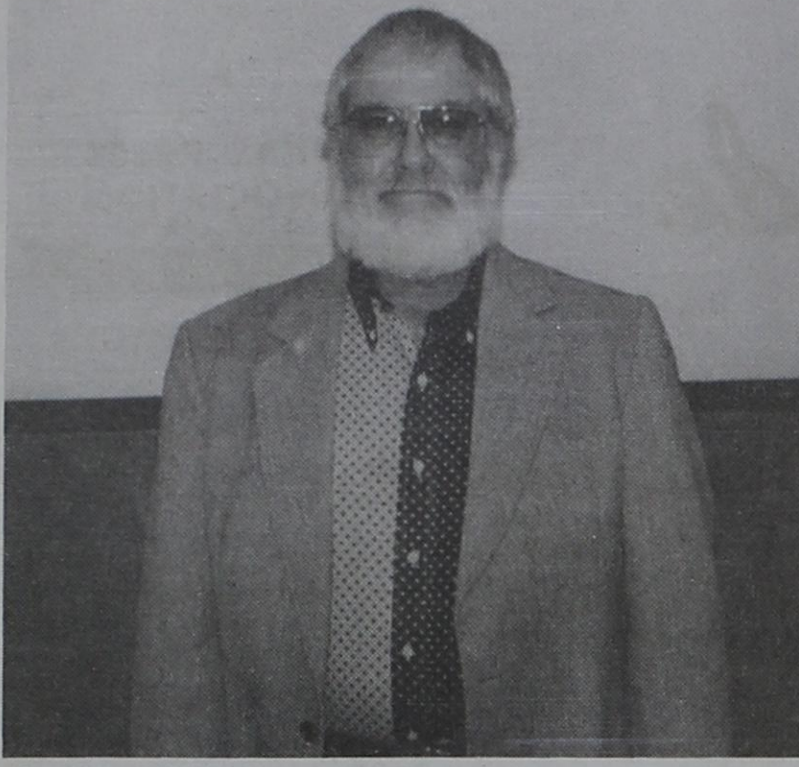
This is a section of the U.S. Justice Department, which helps police agencies in tracking traveling criminals and also supplies agencies with equipment which it could not normally afford.

The Bovina Police Department has been a member of this organization since 1992 and there are approximately 1200 member agencies in the 14 states it covers.

Each year, two member

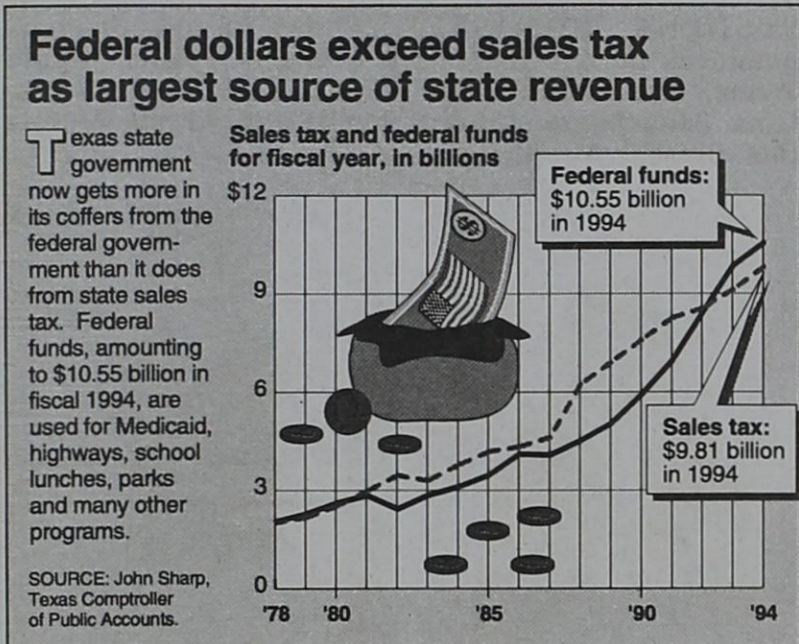
agencies are given awards for service to the organization. This year, both awards went to agencies in Texas. One went to the Ector County Sheriff's Office in Odessa and the second went to the Bovina Police Department.

R.O.C.I.C. director, Chuck Lowe, presented this award to Chief Saddler on February 14 during the business meeting of the organization. This is a great honor for the City of Bovina and for the Police Department to be recognized for outstanding service by a national organization.



JACK YOUNG of Plainview spoke about his "piggyback heart" at a meeting of the Parmer County Heart Association on February 16. Young is only the third person in the United States to have two hearts.

Keeping an eye on Texas



Relative Is Buried In Melrose

Services for Troy Fouts, 85, Melrose, New Mexico, were held at 2 p.m. Monday, February 20 in Melrose. The Revs. Lewis Johnson and David Crow officiated. Burial was in Melrose Cemetery. Steed-Todd Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Mr. Fouts died Friday, February 17, 1995 at Plains Medical/Clovis. He was born April 1, 1909 in Ridgeley, Missouri. He came to New Mexico in 1926, living in House first, then in Melrose.

He married Vernon Wilks on November 6, 1933, in Melrose. He retired from the Clovis Schools in 1972 as an electrician. He was an avid lover of music. He and his wife also enjoyed woodworking. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Melrose.

Survivors include his wife, Vernon Fouts, of Melrose; two sons and their wives, Ronnie and Glenna Fouts of Melrose and David and Janice Fouts of Jal; seven grandchildren, including Charlotte Cockerham of Bovina and Lisa Lane of Friona; and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Kerr, C.P. Burleson, Wendell Belcher, Bob Franklin, Grady Bright, Curtis Lay and Wiley Andrews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the music ministry of First Baptist Church of Melrose.

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SPECIAL PROGRAM...Loralee Cooley, a professional storyteller, entertained students and guests at an assembly on February 15 at Bovina Middle School. Mrs. Cooley also presented story programs to individual classes throughout the day. Everyone enjoyed the special day and Mrs. Cooley remarked at the end of the day that she had truly enjoyed a special time in Bovina.

Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending January 6, 1995, County Clerk's Office, Parmer County, Texas, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk
 Spec. WD, Charlene Lindsey Shafer, Darrell Bruce Shafer, the W/73 ft. of Lot 12 and the E/7 ft. of Lot 13, Blk. 7, Staley Add., Friona
 WD, Clifton L. Harper, Viva C. Lindsey, all of Lot 4, Blk. 5, Lakeview Add., Friona
 WD, Ronald Ray Cary, Vernon Thigpen, all of Lots 28 and 29, Blk. 12, OT Farwell
 WD, Jacquelyn Vance Ryan, Byron Donald Huffman, Lot 4, Blk. 1, Welch Acres Add., Friona
 WD, Peggy P. Jones, Steve Jones, the E 1/2 of Sec. 74, Blk. "Z," Johnson Sub.
 WD, Garland B. Buske, Est., et al, Lila M. Buske, Est., 40 acre tract out of Sec. 11, T2-R3-

Letter To The Editor

February 2, 1995
 6296 N. Sheridan
 Clovis, California 93611

Dear Editor,
 I am Taylor Fotes and I am doing a state report on Texas. I am in the fifth grade at Clovis, California. I was just wondering if your readers could give me information about Texas.
 I would only want a few things like some post cards and a little information. If you can't get everything that is fine. My address is 6296 N. Sheridan.

Sincerely,
 Taylor Fotes

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--Feb. 24, 1960
 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hastings are fishing at Falcon Dam this week.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Grissom and Lola spent last weekend in Lubbock visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Grissom and family and also Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crume and family.
 Construction began Monday morning on the new building for First Baptist Church. The old building was moved last week and services were conducted in it Sunday. It is now located on the east side of Third Street.

30 Yrs. Ago--Feb. 24, 1965
 The coldest weather of the year swooped in on the area about 5 a.m. Tuesday. High winds from the north sent the temperature from its high springlike reading of Monday to near 10 degrees Tuesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Gober hosted the Young Couples Bridge Club Thursday night at their home. They were quite surprised when their guests in turn honored them with a housewarming.

25 Yrs. Ago--Feb. 25, 1970
 Three Bovina residents have been charged with burglary in connection with the theft of about \$1500 worth of power and hand tools from the Joe Walters barn southwest of Hub.
 An automobile and a pickup were recovered in Bovina Monday by law enforcement officers before either were reported stolen.

20 Yrs. Ago--Feb. 26, 1975
 Michael Boling, a seventh grade student at Farwell Junior High, won out over contestants from two other county schools Tuesday morning in the Parmer County Spelling Bee held at Bovina Schools auditorium. Boling was the junior division champion last year.
 Ronnie Sudderth was named "Jaycee of the Month" for February at the organization's monthly family night Friday at Bovina Restaurant. He was selected for the honor for his work with the motorcross races, sponsored by the Jaycees. Sudderth is chairman of that committee.

15 Yrs. Ago--Feb. 27, 1980
 Bovina area showmen once again won their share of ribbons and honors at the Junior Livestock Show in Friona. Tim Garner had the highest placing animal, taking Reserve Champion Lamb trophy and ribbon. Jon Riddle excelled in the lamb show. Doyle Garner was a class winner in the lamb show. Matt Howell had the breed champion Chester White Barrow and Sharlet Johnson had a class winner in the Berkshire Barrow

LEGAL NOTICE
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Pursuant to Chapter 116 of the Texas Local Government Code, NOTICE is hereby given that the Parmer County Commissioners' Court will select a depository bank for Parmer County Funds and Parmer County School Funds. Sealed Applications must be mailed or brought to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, 401 3rd. Street, Room 104, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 A.M., Monday, February 27, 1995, at which time all applications will be opened and considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your bid packet.

Applications may be obtained from the County Judge's office.

The Parmer County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

By Order of the Parmer County Commissioners' Court.

Bonnie J. Clayton 29-3tc

Bovina ISD is accepting bids on the renovation of the girls' athletic facilities. For specifications, interested bidders should contact:
 Sue Nuttall, Supt.
 Bovina ISD
 500 Halsell St.
 P.O. Box 70
 Bovina, Texas 79009

Bids will be opened on April 10, 1995 at 3:00 p.m. in the board room. Bovina ISD reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or in part any or all bids.

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LEGAL NOTICE

00020-INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to Gene Hutto, Mayor of the City of Bovina will be received at the office of the City Manager in the City Hall until 7:00 P.M. Thursday, March 9, 1995 for the construction of the following item:

SEALCOATING
 At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the City of BOVINA, 205 North St., Bovina, Texas 79009, telephone (806) 238-1116, and the offices of Brandt Engineers, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, Telephone (806) 353-7233. Contract documents, including plans and specifications may be procured from Brandt Engineers, Inc. at the above address as follows:
 Cost: \$50.00 per set--Non-Refundable

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Bovina in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of Notice of Award, enter into a contract and execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the City of Bovina reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids, and waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after date on which bids are opened.

CITY OF BOVINA
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The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting bids for one (1) new, One-ton Truck, for use by Precinct #2. Bids must be mailed or brought to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, at 401 Third Street, Room 104, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas, 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 A.M., Monday, March 13, 1995, at which time bids will be considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your bid packet.

Specifications may be obtained from the County Judge's Office.

Bids must reflect the total cost of the vehicle.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge.
 32-2tc

MUST SELL! 1994 Buick Skylark Custom, 4 door, power windows, power door locks, tilt steering wheel, AM/FM stereo cassette, air conditioning, cruise control, automatic transmission, sunscreen glass and much more. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make, just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Call John Baxter in the Credit Department, Friona Motors, 806/247-2701.

FOR SALE....Three bedroom, two bath house with refrigerated air/central heating and one car garage, 908 Ridgelea. Call 238-1284 or 238-1525.

Weight Watchers is now meeting every Tuesday in Bovina. For more information, please call 1-800-359-3131.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EARL D. STEVENSON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Earl D. Stevenson, were issued on February 10, 1995 in Cause No. 2219, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Azzie Lee Stevenson and Oakley D. Stevenson.

The residence of Azzie Lee Stevenson and Oakley D. Stevenson is Parmer County, Texas and the post office address is: Azzie Lee Stevenson and Oakley D. Stevenson c/o Aldridge, Aycock & Actkinson, L.L.P. P.O. Box 286 Farwell, Texas 79325

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 10th day of February, 1995.

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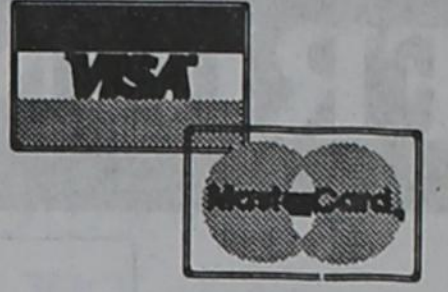
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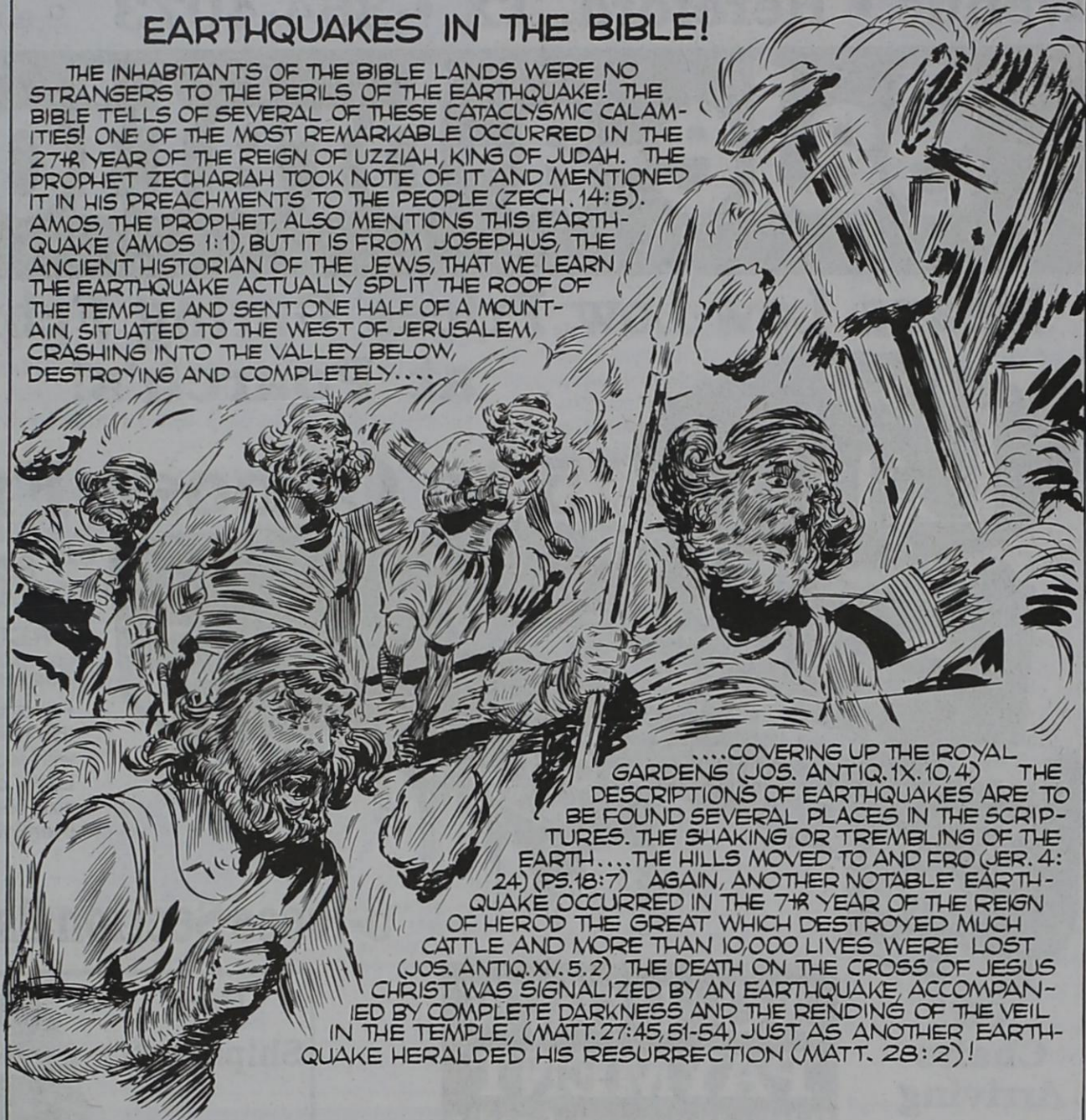
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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

EARTHQUAKES IN THE BIBLE!

THE INHABITANTS OF THE BIBLE LANDS WERE NO STRANGERS TO THE PERILS OF THE EARTHQUAKE! THE BIBLE TELLS OF SEVERAL OF THESE CATAclysmic CALAMITIES! ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE OCCURRED IN THE 27th YEAR OF THE REIGN OF UZZIAH, KING OF JUDAH. THE PROPHET ZECHARIAH TOOK NOTE OF IT AND MENTIONED IT IN HIS PREACHMENTS TO THE PEOPLE (ZECH. 14:5). AMOS, THE PROPHET, ALSO MENTIONS THIS EARTHQUAKE (AMOS 1:1), BUT IT IS FROM JOSEPHUS, THE ANCIENT HISTORIAN OF THE JEWS, THAT WE LEARN THE EARTHQUAKE ACTUALLY SPLIT THE ROOF OF THE TEMPLE AND SENT ONE HALF OF A MOUNTAIN, SITUATED TO THE WEST OF JERUSALEM, CRASHING INTO THE VALLEY BELOW, DESTROYING AND COMPLETELY....

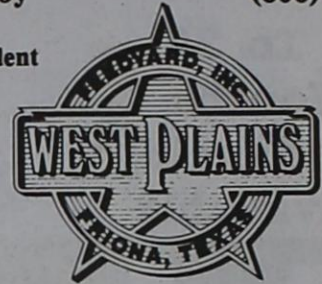


...COVERING UP THE ROYAL GARDENS (JOS. ANTIQ. IX. 10.4) THE DESCRIPTIONS OF EARTHQUAKES ARE TO BE FOUND SEVERAL PLACES IN THE SCRIPTURES. THE SHAKING OR TREMBLING OF THE EARTH... THE HILLS MOVED TO AND FRO (JER. 4: 24) (PS. 18:7) AGAIN, ANOTHER NOTABLE EARTHQUAKE OCCURRED IN THE 7th YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HEROD THE GREAT WHICH DESTROYED MUCH CATTLE AND MORE THAN 10,000 LIVES WERE LOST (JOS. ANTIQ. XV. 5.2) THE DEATH ON THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST WAS SIGNALIZED BY AN EARTHQUAKE, ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETE DARKNESS AND THE RENDING OF THE VEIL IN THE TEMPLE, (MATT. 27:45, 51-54) JUST AS ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE HERALDED HIS RESURRECTION (MATT. 28:2)!

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Pet Corner

(From the Friona Animal Humane Society)
This article was sent to us by actress, Doris Day

Dear Friend of Animals,

That's right. February 28. The First Spay Day USA, the most visible and perhaps most important event the Doris Day Animal League has ever undertaken. With the support of friends like you, it could be the most important event ever, in saving the lives of millions of animals each year.

On that day, we're asking every humane American to take one dog or cat to a veterinarian for spaying or neutering or to sponsor others to take care of their animals.

Since most of us who care deeply about animals have already had our pets spayed or neutered, this is an opportunity for us to encourage others to follow our lead.

And, if there is a pet we have overlooked or postponed neutering, February 28 is the day to correct that oversight.

It is our hope that Spay Day USA will receive the same attention to achieve a reputation equal to such national programs as the Great American Smokeout and other similar efforts. And the reaction so far gives us every reason to believe that will happen.

Veterinarians and Humane Societies all across the country have agreed to perform or sponsor spaying and neutering operations on this date, and we've received the endorsement of the American Veterinary Medical Association as well as the state veterinary medical associations in more than twenty individual states.

Also, over 1,000 humane and animal rights organizations have voiced their support of our Spay Day USA efforts. But for it to be successful--and it MUST be--we have had the added help of loyal friends and supporters like you.

There's too much at stake for us to make anything less than an all-out commitment to this life-saving effort. Remember, almost every two seconds, an innocent dog or cat is killed in humane societies and animal shelters all across the country--14 to 17 million animals a year.

And at least that many more don't make it to those shelters, dumped or abandoned and left to die



all because no one cares enough for them to provide a home, nourishment, love.

The goal of Spay Day USA is to put an end to this senseless, needless killing. Spay Day USA is a milestone program for the Doris Day Animal League because it takes us beyond education, beyond public outreach programs, beyond even our lobbying efforts. This is direct action, involvement, commitment.

It's an opportunity to make a real change--a tremendous change--in the prevention of animal cruelty. And I'm asking you today to join me in helping make it the success we all want it to be.

We need your support through your actions--by helping spread the word about Spay Day USA to your neighbors and friends, by encouraging your local veterinarian to participate, by contacting your local news media. In other words, in any way and every way you can possibly help. But, we also need your support very much.

Even with the endorsements and wonderful support, we have been fortunate to receive from a handful of corporations that are committed to protecting the welfare of our animal friends, this has been a tremendous costly program to develop and launch.

We've spent and committed funds that we simply did not have in our budget. And I have nowhere else to turn, no one else to ask for help in raising that money, but special friends like you.

You've helped so much in the past, but I honestly don't believe any contribution you've made will have had more impact than the one I hope you'll make today. Please help us stop the deaths of so many innocent animals. Please be as generous as possible.

Doris Day



MANAGERIAL CHANGE....Barbara Huffman, left, is the new manager of Allsup's 217 on East Highway 60. She is replacing Alan Peterson, right, who was promoted to area supervisor for the Dumas area.

New Manager Told For Friona Allsup's

New Manager of Friona's "East" Allsup's Convenience Store is Barbara Huffman, it was announced this week.

Mrs. Huffman replaces Alan Peterson, who was named by Allsup's as area supervisor in the northern Panhandle.

Peterson, who has been with Allsup's for something over three years, will be located in Dumas, where he will oversee three of Allsup's stores there, as well as those at Sunray, Stratford, Boise City, Oklahoma, Clayton, N.M., and Dalhart.

"We're going to miss Friona. We really enjoyed it here and liked the people," Peterson said. His wife Audrey also worked at Allsup's #217. They are parents of a daughter Amy who is at home, and a son Rick who lives in Muleshoe.

Prior to managing Allsup's 217, Peterson had managed stores for the convenience chain in Earth, Farwell, Bovina and the "West" Allsup's (#225). He was at the latter store for over a year, moving

across town last fall.

Mrs. Huffman's husband Byron is a superintendent at Millard Warehouse in Friona. They moved to Parmer County recently from the small town of Anthon, Iowa, which is near Sioux City.

The Huffman children include 17-year-old son Clark and 16-year-old daughter Tiffany, who attend Friona High School. The couple also has a three-year-old, Nicholas.

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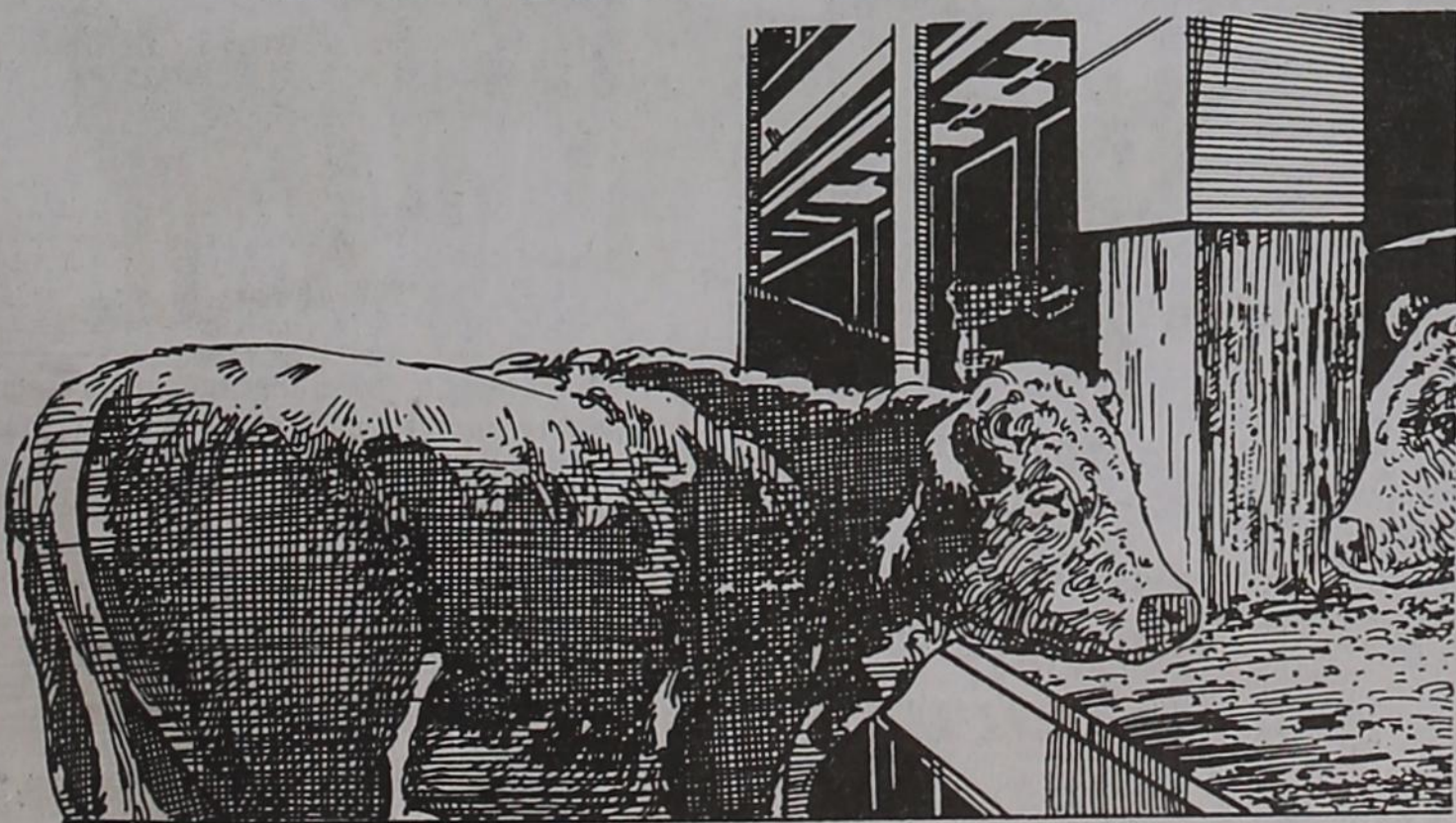
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Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell

We received an interesting article this week in the office. It was a news release with information about how you can obtain health insurance on your animals.

If you have ever had to have surgery on your dog, you know the expense is great. Many people have to give up their pets because of the cost of surgery.

One lady had a pacemaker put on her 14-month-old poodle with a heart problem. His condition left her with two choices--the pacemaker or have the animal put

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOVINA!!!

February 26--Jill Sorley, Martha Garner.

February 27--Jordan Barrett, Ken Langlinais.

February 28--Catalina Garcia, Asa Smith.

March 2--Misty Pruitt.

March 3--Cassie Flores, Brenda Riddle.

(Editor's note: If someone in your family is observing a birthday, please call 238-1523, in advance, to get the name on our birthday calendar.)

to sleep. She said she felt she was fortunate because she had taken out pet insurance and the annual premium started at \$49, with deductibles as low as \$20.

Taking on a pet is like taking the responsibility for a child and proper care is primary for the life of the animal. If you are interested in obtaining insurance, you can call Veterinary Pet Insurance (1-800-USA-PETS).

By the way, the lady had a pacemaker put on her dog ten years ago and she said he was still doing very well. The surgery was performed by Dr. Robert R. Pensinger, who practiced animal cardiology and internal medicine for 30 years at the Ocean Animal Clinic in Santa Cruz, California.

Derrel Lewis, former pastor of the Bovina First Baptist Church, is hospitalized in the Guymon Memorial Hospital in Guymon, Oklahoma. Friends said he suffered from an infection in his blood and at one time, ran a 106 degree temperature. His condition has improved and he is out of intensive care.

Lewis is the associational missionary in that area.

Our deepest sympathies to Mearle Morgan, whose twin brother passed away after a lengthy illness.

He was Earl Holmes of Valley Mills, Texas, which is near Waco. He was survived by his wife, Dollie.

Funeral services were held on Sunday and Mearle was accompanied to Valley Mills by her son, Ricky, and came home on Monday.

Jamie Stanberry, daughter of Dean and Wendy Stanberry, has really been a sick girl but things are some better and she said she would be going back to school after missing for a month.

She was hospitalized in the Muleshoe hospital and later went through the diagnostic clinic in Amarillo and that was when it was determined that she had spondylitis, which is a form of rheumatoid arthritis.

While in the hospital, she had a strep infection but got over that. Wendy said they are treating Jamie with muscle relaxers. She is a freshman at Bovina High School but had been able to keep up with her work pretty well. Hopefully, things will continue to go well with her.

A.R. and Lois McCutchan are recuperating. Archie had knee surgery February 1 at Amarillo's High Plains Baptist Hospital and has been home from the hospital over a week. He is getting along fine.

Lois has been having problems with nosebleed and said she may even have to have surgery to correct the problems.

She was to go back to the doctor the end of the week. Archie's nephews and their wives have been taking turns staying with them.

Carlene Jones underwent surgery at High Plains Baptist Hospital on Thursday, a week ago, and is already home and feeling fine. She said she would go back for a check up the latter part of the week.

Funeral services were held for Charlotte Cockerham's and Lisa Lane's grandfather, Troy Fouts, 85, of Melrose, New Mexico. He was survived by his wife, two sons, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the music ministry of the First Baptist Church in Melrose.

Mr. Fouts retired from the Clovis School system in 1972 as an electrician and was an avid lover of music.

Jeff and Kristi Steelman spent the weekend in Liberal, Kansas, with Kristi's sister and her husband, Lorri and David Bagwell and daughter, Allison.

David pastors the First Baptist Church in Liberal and the couple moved there a month ago. The Steelmans had a good time and returned home Sunday night.

Amanda, daughter of Mike and Cindy Prather, was hospitalized at the University Medical Center in Lubbock a week ago Thursday.

Police Report

On January 25, 1995, a Bovina man was arrested by Bovina Police on charge of criminal trespassing. This incident occurred on January 17, 1995.

After arresting the man, officers learned that he was an illegal alien. He was taken to the Parmer County Jail and was later released to the Border Patrol for deportation.

On February 15, 1995, a Bovina man was arrested by the Bovina Police Department and the Curry County Sheriff's Office.

This arrest was a result of a burglary, which occurred in Melrose, New Mexico. All the items taken in the burglary were recovered along with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun.

The man was taken to the Parmer County Jail and was charged with possession of a prohibited weapon.

New Mexico authorities are expected to file burglary charges, also. This case is pending the next Grand Jury.



Mike said she had an abscess drained on her neck and was released on Sunday. She is getting along fine.

Rose and Les McCain had company on Sunday. Leslie's sister and brother-in-law, Claudia and Eldon Hill, came from Littlefield and had dinner and spent the day with the McCains. They had a nice visit.

Lee Stevenson was hospitalized this week suffering from double pneumonia, according to friends. She is a patient at the Clovis hospital.

THINK ABOUT IT:

Contentment is not perfection, but the ability to cope with imperfection. After all, we live in an imperfect world. As the adage states, "Life is not fair...but God is..." Have a good week...Scooter.

High School Honor Roll Is Released

The honor roll for the fourth six-weeks at Bovina High School was released by principal Jerry Birdsong.

All "A" Honor Roll

Tony Beauchamp, Priscilla Martinez, Wanda Munoz, Lisa Hromas, Amber Willard and Jay Grisham.

All "A-B" Honor Roll

Michael Brito, Melissa Cantu, Erik Galvan, Carolina Gomez, Rebecca Gomez, Maricela Guevara, Francisco Nieto, Adan Perez, Yvonne Quintana, Martin Reyna, Jessica Saucedo, Hector Vela, Amy Venable, George Villarreal, Lori Beauchamp, Lennie Brito, Jason Kerby, Melissa Nicolas, Miguel Perez, Jaime Salazar, John Saucedo.

Also, Joe Villarreal, Carmen Campos, Alex Dopp, Jose Perez, Angie Uriegas, Jimmy Bonham, Brooke Charles, Andy Espinoza, Jamie Flores, David Gonzalez, Ezequiel Lara, Sally Noriega, Yesenia Perez, Charlotte Quintana, Melinda Ramon, Arnold Reyna, Cynthia Reyna, Wayne Stormes, Maria Viernes and Gina Villarreal.

Estella Ortiz Is Clovis Grad

Estella Ortiz of Bovina completed requirements for graduation during the 1994 fall semester at Clovis Community College.

She was awarded an Associate of Arts Degree in general studies.

Bovina School Lunch Menu

Week of Feb. 27-March 3

MONDAY--chaluapas, cheese, salad, corn, fruit, cookies and milk.

TUESDAY--steak fingers, potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY--unavailable.

LOOKING UP!

By RICHARD GRISHAM

It's been said, "The pulpit is like heaven. It's a prepared place for prepared men." Sermons, like good cooking, take time. Too much of the preaching we hear today is, like a breakfast egg, prepared "once over lightly!"

As a pastor for 25 years now, I can tell you that preaching does not always come easy. The pastor's wife will be the first to tell you that her man sometimes literally, agonizes over a sermon.

"It's kind of like having a baby," said one parsonage wife of her husband's endeavors. "He labors so hard at it and sometimes it's still a dud!"

How true. There have been times I have worked really hard on a sermon only to have it go over like a lead balloon! People left still wondering what I said!

And I can also remember other times when I got up to speak still wondering what I was going to say, and the sermon just seemed to flow, and everyone left saying, "Thanks, pastor, for that message. God really used it to speak to me!"

I have a cartoon on my office bulletin board that depicts a TV reporter and camera crew invading a pastor's study. The reporter is saying, "Hi! I'm a reporter from 'Unsolved Mysteries,' and we're here to do a story on your last sermon."

Some folk judge a sermon more by its length than its content. After a minister preached a very short sermon, he apologized, "My dog got into my office and chewed up some of my sermon notes." At the close of the service a guest asked: "If your dog ever has pups, please let my pastor have one of

them."

The Apostle Paul had a theory about good preaching. "And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and fear and in much trembling." (1 Corinthians 2:1-3).

Whatever else good preaching may be, it should point others to Christ and his sacrifice on the cross for our sins!

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the famed English preacher, told his students, "Give the people the grand old Gospel, and plenty of it, and they will not much mind the way in which you bring it forth."

But every true preacher of the gospel knows that ultimately it is the Lord who uses the message preached to bring about His purposes. So remember to pray for your pastor. And encourage him in his preaching ministry.

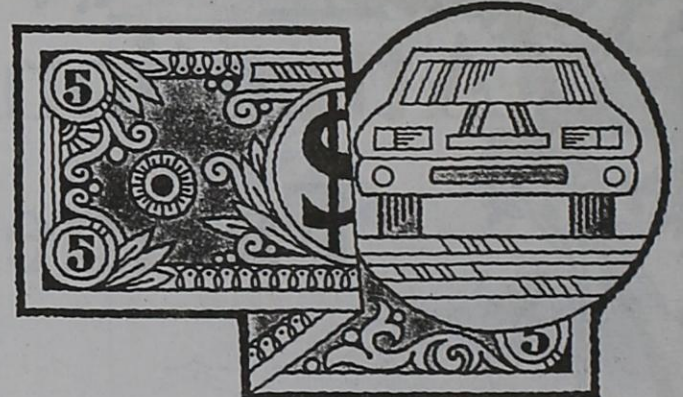
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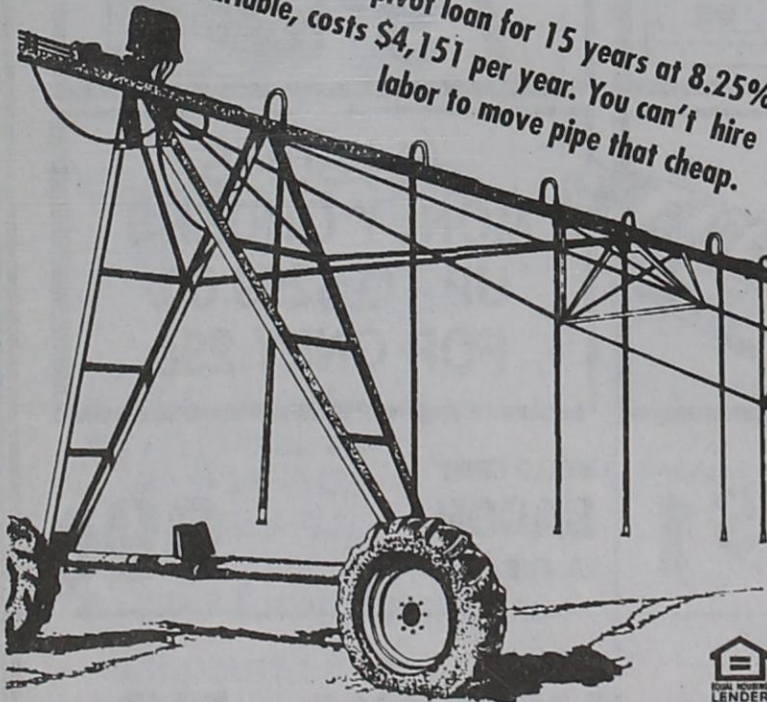
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